

MANY CONTEND THAT CHRISTMAS CANDY HAS A BETTER STOMACH WALLOP THAN DEMPSEY

DELEGATES DISCUSS REFORMS IN CONDUCT OF COLLEGE SPORTS

Lawson Robertson Points Out Danger of Curbing Athletic Competition—Dr. Meylan Wants Coaches Made Faculty Members to Insure Permanent Positions

THE thirteenth annual convention of the National Collegiate Association is now in session in New York, and when the athletic directors return to their offices for the beginning of the second semester their heads will be crammed with ideas of reform in the management of sports, the kind of sports and eligibility rules. Delegates to the convention are armed with numerous ideas on the manner in which the reconstruction period in collegiate athletics should be conducted, and they have two days and two nights in which to get their thoughts off their minds.

The Athletic Research Society went into session this morning and will continue in conference until this evening. Then the graduate managers will gather for their annual discussion. The national delegates will convene at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Hotel Astor and will remain in session until late tomorrow night.

One of the most important points which will be brought up for discussion concerns mass athletics. There are a number of delegates who are prepared to make lengthy speeches on the value of mass sports, and also there are quite a few who will point out the worth and necessity of competitive athletics. Among the latter class is Lawson Robertson, the University of Pennsylvania trainer. Dr. George L. Meylan, of Columbia, who has been physical director at the Morningside Heights institution for a number of years, is in favor of giving more power to the graduate members of the athletic management. He also intends to urge appointment of coaches at the various colleges permanently. He contends that this could be accomplished by making the coaches members of the faculty.

DR. JOSEPH E. RAYCROFT, of the military training camp activities commission, will enlighten the delegates on how the commission plans can be adopted by the colleges.

Returning Soldiers Must Taper Off Fighting Condition LIEUTENANT LAWSON ROBERTSON explained a point concerning mass athletics and competitive sports to which the delegates will have to give considerable attention. The Pennsylvania coach contends that competitive athletics are absolutely essential to the well-being of the returning soldiers.

"These soldiers who are returning from battlefields," Lieutenant Robertson explained, "are keyed up to a high nervous tension. This also is true to a smaller degree of the men who have been only in the camps here. The soldiers on this side of the Atlantic have been drilled extensively, although they have not reached the pitch attained by the soldiers who have seen action. Now then, unless this condition is tapered off to normal the results are likely to be serious.

"The high tension of the battlefield is reached here? By competition. There is a smaller nervous strain in sports, competitive sports, and this is what is needed for the tapering-off process. In mass athletics there is no excitement, no nervous tension, although the system is far better than no exercise at all. The ideal policy, of course, would be to have every man in competitive sports, but this is impractical because of the lack of athletic fields. Accommodate as many as possible on college and club teams and let the others follow mass athletics or a definite program of daily exercise.

"FOR the reasons stated I favor the revival of sports not only to the extent they were carried on in normal times, but on a much larger basis."

Meylan Would Make Coaches Faculty Members

DOCTOR MEYLAN, the Columbia physical director, who has been seven months and a half with the French army giving the benefit of his services as an expert, believes the reins should be tightened on the management of collegiate athletics. He would make the coaches members of the faculty, so that their positions would not depend on the whim of the undergraduates. Under the old regime a coach who turned out a winning team was given his salary and probably a bonus. If he failed in his efforts he was fired. Oftentimes the coach did not have time to install his system for a thorough try-out before he was let out by the undergraduate managers.

"In the decade from 1895 to 1905," Doctor Meylan is quoted as saying, "our college athletics were run on the loosest kind of a rein. All sports were left to the undergraduates. The faculties not only frowned on sports, but in some cases forbade athletics. I would not recommend that every coach be made a faculty member, and this is assumed of his position. The idea of faculty membership is partially in force at Columbia.

"Take fencing and rowing, for instance. The frequent changing of coaches tends to the confusion of ideas, and veterans have to try to unlearn what they previously have been taught before coming into the ideas of the new teacher."

The University of Pennsylvania profited by the theory of keeping a coach after he had failed in his first year in the case of Joe Wright, the rowing tutor. Wright came here from Canada, where he had a great reputation as a club coach, but in his first season here the Quaker oarsmen had a poor season. Wright, however, was retained, and he vindicated the judgment of the Red and Blue authorities last spring when he turned out one of the fastest crews that ever sat in a college shell. And this he did when the material on hand was considered poor. Incidentally, Penn's 1918 crew was one of the lightest in the history of collegiate rowing.

MAJOR MYLIN J. PICKERING, the Penn graduate manager, who is now stationed at Garden City, N. Y., is present at the conference. He intends to return to his duties at Franklin Field next month.

Meeting to Adopt College Basketball Schedule

ASIDE from the national session and the various informal meetings, there will be a conference of the Intercollegiate Basketball League officials, and it is planned to adopt the schedule for the 1919 season. The list of dates has been drawn up by Ralph Morgan, the secretary of the league, and it will be placed before the other authorities for approval. The game season will be limited and some of the longer trips eliminated. There will be a meeting of the American Rowing Association in the near future to discuss plans for the spring season. This association, which is composed of Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Columbia and Cornell, has no connection with the intercollegiate association, which embraces only Pennsylvania, Columbia and Cornell, but it has assumed considerable prominence since the Poughkeepsie regatta, which was conducted by the intercollegiate body, has been eliminated.

A suggestion which is to be made at the meeting calls for a race over a two-mile course in which all the college crews will take part. Inasmuch as five or six crews will compete, the contest must be slated, if scheduled at all, on a course big enough to accommodate such a large field. This means that the selection of a course will lie between the Schuylkill and the Charles River, Boston. The forerunner of this race was held last spring, when Columbia and Pennsylvania battled Annapolis on the Severn. Princeton, Cornell, Harvard and Yale were invited, but were unable to compete.

If the big race should materialize it probably will not include more than five crews. These would represent Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Columbia and Pennsylvania. Cornell will not have a crew until 1920, and Syracuse also is out of the sport for this season. The Navy would not enter a crew unless the race is held on the Severn. There is a probability that the contest will be staged at Annapolis or Princeton, but in such a case the race would have to be split in heats. This would necessitate two days of racing.

JOHN BROWN, the chairman of the rowing committee at Penn, is one of the delegates to the collegiate conference. He probably will talk over the rowing situation with officials from other colleges. The other Penn delegates are Dean William McClellan, H. L. Geyelin and Dr. R. Tait McKenzie.

CHRISTMAS greetings by cable from leading baseball, football and track stars, now somewhere in France or Germany, were received in this country yesterday. Among those to cable good wishes were Grover Cleveland Alexander, the twirling star who pitched the Phils into the only National League pennant; Hank Gowdy, hero Fenwick; Ted Meredith and Eddie Mahan.

Meredith sent the following: "U. S. Flying Corps, France. Wish I could buy over Boston and drop a greeting to you all from the sky. As it is out with a Merry Christmas to all my friends and may 1919 be a happy prosperous year with them. Ted Meredith."



AMERICAN FIVES SWITCH LINE-UPS

Victrix Causes Surprise by Dropping Jack Lawrence, Former Grey's Center

There are several important changes in the line-ups of the teams in the American Basketball League announced by the managers, and several equally important deals are under way which will change the make-up of at least two line-ups considerably. The managers of losing fives have come to the conclusion that their clubs must show better basketball, and already Victrix has caused a slight sensation by dropping Jack Lawrence, according to reports. In place of Lawrence, Eddie Watson, the former Southern High star, has been secured and he will, in all probability, make his first appearance in a Victrix uniform this evening when South Philadelphia Hebrews' Association faces Victrix.

Midvale Steel is down on the cards for the other contest tonight and they face Yours Truly. A win for the Second Street boys will send them into a triple tie with Hobson and Hancock. Midvale announced the signing of Kid Dark, formerly of De Neri and Jasper, and who is the oldest player in basketball today.

President W. J. Scheffer has announced the schedule of the Delaware River Shipyards Basketball League for the season, which is to open on Tuesday, January 7, at Gloucester, when Pusey & Jones inaugurates the home season with New York Ship, and which, by the way, has one of the strongest clubs in the circuit.

The season's layout calls for twenty contests, ten at home and the same number away, and comes to an end on March 16, when Harlan meets New York Ship at Camden.

West Virginia Cancels Cage Trip Morgantown, W. Va., Dec. 26.—West Virginia's football team, by the way, has a special trip, arranged for the week of February 1, including games with the Navy, Virginia, Lehigh, Rutgers and Georgetown. A change in the university calendar requires examinations at that time.

Subsequent to the arrangement, with names of Allegheny, Buffalo, Syracuse, Colgate and Cornell to be arranged for the week of February 1.

Mare Island Marines Win Title Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 26.—The Mare Island marines' football team, by the way, has a special trip, arranged for the week of February 1, including games with the Navy, Virginia, Lehigh, Rutgers and Georgetown. A change in the university calendar requires examinations at that time.

Merchants Team Eliminated Newark, N. J., Dec. 26.—Federal Shipbuilding team of this city, eliminated Merchants' team in the final game of the season, the National Cup match on the Clark's grounds by three goals to two.

Riggs Wins Turkey With a run of twenty-three straight in the "Turkey" contest, the first "Turkey" event and a perfect score in the history of the contest, Johnny Riggs, of the "Turkey" team, won the annual Christmas Day "Turkey" contest, which was held at the club grounds at Paoli avenue, Roxborough.

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SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

Pete Herman, world's bantamweight champion, was a silent spectator at the boxing match between Jimmie Walsh and Jimmie Walsh, which was held at the club grounds at Paoli avenue, Roxborough.

Tommy Walsh, manager of Joe Burman, held a conference with "Doc" Kutch and Herman in reference to a fight between Herman and Jimmie Walsh, which was held at the club grounds at Paoli avenue, Roxborough.

Burman now is in Baltimore, where he meets Eddie Winder, of Pittsburgh, in a fight on Monday night. Tommy Walsh left for the Monumental stronghold and will follow the battle with Walsh on his way to Akron, where Johnny Griffith, another one of his boys, fights on New Year's Day.

Jack Dempsey now is doing some light training with Branch N. J. His main opponent will be in Buffalo, where he will fight on a tour in which he will engage all corners. He is expected to lead up to a meeting with Willard.

Henry Leonard will start his 1919 campaign at the Olympia on New Year's Day. Leonard has a most ambitious campaign mapped out for next season.

TRACK RECORDS BROKEN OR EQUALED DURING THE 1918 TURF CAMPAIGN

Table with columns: Distance, Owner, Horse, Age, Weight, Date, Record. Lists various race results and records broken or equaled during the 1918 turf campaign.

Four American, One World Turf Marks Made in 1918

Roamer Heads List With Mile of 1:34.4-5 at Saratoga—Sun Briar's 1:34 Not Official

OTHER SPEED MARVELS

New York, Dec. 26. Many new records were made on local racetracks during the last season. It is doubtful whether there ever was a year when as many old marks were rubbed out as during the one about to pass into turf history.

Four new American records and one world record were made, and there was not a meeting during the season at which one or more track records were not improved upon.

That time means little in thoroughbred racing is the opinion of most followers of the turf, who point out that as a general thing the records are held by horses distinctly inferior in quality. This year most of the new marks were set by the best horses, which is an indication that the quality of the thoroughbred is steadily improving.

However, there is no question that the improvement in the speed of the turf tracks has a great deal to do with the remarkable number of new records. Most of the new marks were made at Saratoga, which now boasts of the fastest course in the country.

Made Turf History It was at Saratoga that Andrew Miller's Roamer made turf history by covering a mile in the astonishing time of 1:34.4-5, running unopposed with 110 pounds in the saddle. This was by long odds the feature of the year from a time standpoint. Roamer's time broke the former record of 1:35.4, made by the famous Salsator in 1890. As Roamer, like Stevedore, ran against time instead of against a rival, he was not handicapped.

Young Erne, who failed to stay with Jackson, went another chance to make good here. He is willing to meet Jackson on a return date or take on Frankie Callahan.

Battling Murray, sensational fighting mauler, will be one of the finalists at the Cambria on New Year's Day.

Low Tandler's next start will be against Rocky Kansas in Buffalo New Year's afternoon.

President Harry Edwards and Assistant Manager Len Raines, of the Olympia, engaged the latter Christmas turnout. Low Tandler, the latter Christmas turnout, was so informed by Matchmaker George Knoll and Nate Smith, the ever-willing pilot.

Sam Grimes and Jack Weinstein rooted freely from the boxes. This was the first time either ever saw a Christmas show. Grimes, who was in the crowd, was so interested to tell how Eddie O'Keefe would have fared "no-and-no."

Tender offers to have a few more flats from New Year before making that trip to the coast.

TO STAGE THREE MEETS IN MARCH

Meadowbrook, Millrose and A. A. U. Making Effort to Restore Track Games

New York, Dec. 26.—The Millrose Athletic Association announced yesterday that it will hold its annual indoor games in March instead of January this season. Conditions caused by the sudden termination of the war made it impossible for the Millrose club to prepare its usual big athletic show in time for January.

Negotiations are under way among the Millrose A. A., the Meadowbrook Club of Philadelphia, and the national championship committee of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States for staging a series of three big meets in March.

The three organizations are going to combine their resources in an effort to put amateur athletics back on the map. The Millrose date will be in the week beginning March 9. It will be definitely announced as soon as arrangements can be completed with the management of Madison Square Garden. The Meadowbrook date will be Saturday, March 15, and the national championships will probably be a week later, March 22.

This tentative schedule has been worked out among the three organizations with the idea of securing the country for every available athlete of note, so that those coming from a distance may have an opportunity of competing in each of the three big meets.

It is possible, too, that invitations may be sent abroad to prominent athletes in a further effort to stir up international competition.

N. Y. A. C. to Lift Ban New York, Dec. 26.—When the local indoor track meets are under full swing, athletes of the New York Athletic Club, who are under a ban from the club in championship competition, will be permitted to enter the board of governors of the United States Amateur Athletic Union, which has adopted a resolution prohibiting its athletes representing the club in open competition.

Jim Scott to Play Semipro Ball Chicago, Dec. 26.—Captain James Scott, who has been playing professional baseball, was reported signed today by a Chicago team.

Quigley Retained as Coach St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Brest Quigley, National League manager of the Cardinals, has been retained for next year.

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JACKSON REGISTERS KNOCKOUT TRIUMPH

Stops Young Erne in Sixth Round at Olympia—Britt Outfights Mealy at National

DOYLE BEATS WELSH

By JAMES S. CAROLAN The Christmas Day programs at the three boxing clubs brought out large gatherings and resulted in some high-class athletic entertainment. Four of the eighteen battles failed to go the limit, but in three of them there was all kinds of action before one of the gladiators finally said farewell.

While the crowds were not quite as large as the ones which packed the three clubs on Thanksgiving, all three played to nearly capacity houses. The absence of Christmas did not harm the bills, for the shows were so well balanced that they could not fail to appeal.

The Olympia was sold out, the National had a good crowd, while Johnny Burns's Cambria, as usual, played to its capacity.

Willie Jackson, making his first appearance in the ring in nearly a year, registered a technical knockout over George (Young) Erne in the final round of the scheduled six-round battle at the Olympia.

Erne Was Clipped Erne had held his own for five rounds and was going along great in the sixth when he neglected to cover his jaw and Jackson turned loose that damaging right to the chin with such force that Erne went down.

Henry Walker, just recovering from illness, was in poor form and had a difficult time to earn an even break with the youthful Frankie Clark, of the Cambria, who was unopposed and very feebly, and Spider Kelly, seeing the hopelessness of the cause, tossed a towel into the ring.

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Reese-Stosh Entertainment The best fight of the day was the Freddy Reese-Dick Stosh affair, which went six rounds with honors all in favor of Stosh, the former Cleveland boy. Reese dictated the pace for two rounds, but from the third round Stosh found himself and showed Reese many new kinds of wallops.

Stosh had been training with Tender for the last month and apparently absorbed some of the Tender's boxing tricks. He looked to be a much-improved boy against the clever Reese, who is Benny Leonard's sparring partner.

In the other sessions Harlem Eddie Kelly beat Eddie Wagon in a rough six-round bout, Harry (Kid) Brown trounced Johnny Gray, the latter substituting for Phil Franchini, and Johnny Murray stopped Wally Nelson in the fifth.

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Mealy Loses The rugged Frankie Britt, of Boston, proved too aggressive for the retiring Johnny Mealy and was a winner over New York, in a six-round "double-header" here yesterday. The custom in this city is for boxers to box six rounds, rest fifteen minutes, then box six rounds more, making really a twelve-round bout, although under no law there are only two six-round bouts. In each "half" of the battle Burns easily outpointed Britt.

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Joe Dillon Scores K. O. Stamford, Conn., Dec. 26.—Joe Dillon, featherweight boxer, of Brooklyn, knocked out Frankie Flynn, of Boston, in the eighth round of a scheduled twelve-round bout at the Stamford A. C. yesterday.

Wrestle to a Draw Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—Two good bouts were staged at the Grand Opera House last night. The first was a nine-minute handicap contest between Pat McCarthy and George Bruce, in which the latter carried the man who has just returned from overseas. Heavily even second of the thirty minutes, the referee sent down to a clean and impressive defeat.

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